

Pro-Life

As Americans we are proud of the way our founders forged a democratic government "of the people, by the people, and for the people." We don't consider ourselves perfect or sinless in the world of politics or morality, but we see the positive effects of fostering democracy and basic human rights everywhere. For sure, the United States has endured tragedy of various kinds like the Civil War, Pearl Harbor and World War II, and the terrorist attacks of 9/11. But a self-inflicted wound occurred on January 22, 1973 with the decision of the Supreme Court to legalize abortion that I believe has greatly weakened our nation.

In Old Testament times there was a Canaanite custom of sacrificing children to the god, Moloch. The little children were first slain and then cremated. (Lev. 18:21) Unfortunately the Hebrews imitated this practice for a period of their history in imitation of their neighbors. This horrible ritual persists in the abortion mills and crematoria throughout the world. Infanticide is an atrocious form of idolatry. A nation that kills its own defenseless babies cannot prosper before God.

Over 46 million babies are killed each year worldwide which comes to 126,000 per day. Polls show that 78% of abortions occur in developing countries. 80% of abortions in the United States are performed on unmarried women. 95% of American women use abortion as birth control. One encouraging fact is that today more Americans are Pro-Life than Pro-Choice."

Each year on the anniversary of the Supreme Court decision, tens of thousands of Americans join the March for Life in Washington, DC, and elsewhere to witness their faith, and to challenge lawmakers to foster and protect the unborn. People from all religions and walks of life come together to peacefully protest this scourge in our country. We can be proud of these marchers who brave the cold and inconveniences of a long day of travel. Their prayers and sacrifices are pleasing to God, as are all our prayers for the end of abortion on demand in our country and elsewhere.

We grieve the loss of innocent human life. As believers in the sanctity of human life, we must continue our efforts to expose the culture of death in our midst, and advance the culture of life. Sometimes the struggle for the life of the unborn seems unwinnable, yet God is pleased with our sustained efforts. Every baby saved brings glory to God.

With sincere and united prayer, we ask God to forgive our nation and all nations which permit this crime against humanity. We pray for pregnant mothers to love their babies, and if they cannot take care of them, to put the baby up for adoption. But our united actions are also needed to show the depth of our convictions. We trust in God to show us the way forward. **"I have set before you life and death, the blessing and the curse. Choose life, then, that you and your descendants may live."** Deut. 31:19